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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Municipal Ferry Pier

AND/OR COMMON

Battery Maritime Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11 South Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

STATE

New York

VICINITY OF

congressional district 18th - Edward I. Koch

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New York

CODE 36 New York

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3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

XPUBLIC

STATUS X_OCCUPIED **PRESENT USE**

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X_BUILDING(S)

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__PRIVATE

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_SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE X_YES: RESTRICTED

X_GOVERNMENT

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__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS
__BEING CONSIDERED

OWNERSHIP

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__SCIENTIFIC
X_TRANSPORTATION

_NO

__MILITARY

_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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City of New York, Department of Marine and Aviation

STREET & NUMBER

11 South Street

CITY, TOWN

New York

VICINITY OF

New York County Hall of Records

New York

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

31 Chambers Street

CITY, TOWN

New York

STATE

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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1967 . 1974

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the southeast tip of lower Manhattan at the mouth of the East River, the Battery Maritime Building was erected in 1909. The massive steel structure is bounded on the north by South Street, on the east by piers, on the south by New York Harbor and on the west by the Staten Island ferry terminal.

The Battery Maritime Building is rectangular in plan, measuring 250 feet in length by 140 feet in width. Three rounded arches on the south elevation shelter three ferry slips. Each arch measures fifty feet in width. Above the arches a floor housing offices and passenger facilities extends the length of the building. An additional story for offices was built atop the terminal during the mid-twentieth century. The upper story is sheathed in steel panels, and its design is not in keeping with that of the original building. The ferry slips and the office story are covered by a flat roof.

The north, or street elevation of the structure is characterized by a tall open portico supported by five steel arches bearing on stone piers. Six pairs of square tapering steel columns with ornate capitals and scroll brackets support a truncated hipped roof above the portico. The wall of the terminal building sheltered by the portico is characterized by fifteen tall rectangular windows, five double doors, and engaged steel pilasters framing these openings.

The decorative treatment of the south, or river elevation is more ornate than that of the opposite side. The south elevation is constructed of riveted steel plates and girders. Numerous motifs are boldly expressed on the steel facade, enhancing the wall surfaces. Four tall pilasters surmounted by scrolled capitals flank the three arched ferry slips. Recessed latticework, raised moldings, decorative scrolls, and steel rosettes are among the features which embellish the steel structural elements of the building. The office story directly above the ferry slips consists of a horizontal band of paired double-hung, six over six light windows.

The interior of the Battery Maritime Building retains many of its original steel architectural elements such as columns, beams, and high molded ceilings. The original passengers waiting room is essentially intact. However, to accommodate the needs of its present occupant, the New York City Department of Marine and Aviation, the concourse level of the terminal building has been divided by removable partitions into offices and storage areas. A small area on the ground floor level has been adapted for use as a waiting room for ferry passengers.

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1909

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Charles Morris and Richard Walker

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1909 as the Municipal Ferry Pier for the line connecting Manhattan with South Brooklyn, the Battery Maritime Building is the last remaining ferry terminal on the East River. Designed by the architectural firm of Walker and Morris, the massive structure is a significant expression of the Beaux Arts style in steel, as well as an illustration of civic architecture in New York City at the turn of the century. In addition to its architectural merits, the Battery Maritime Building is significant for its association with New York City's maritime transportation history.

From the time New York was founded, the lower tip of Manhattan Island became the terminal point for ferry service to Brooklyn and Staten Island. Before the numerous bridges connecting Manhattan to the surrounding boroughs were built, ferries played a vital role in the growth and development of the city. By the last quarter of the nineteeth century, seventeen separate ferry lines plied the East River between New York and Brooklyn. Service between South Street, Manhattan and Thirty-Ninth Street, Brooklyn commenced in 1887.

The present Municipal Ferry Pier (Battery Maritime Building) was built under the auspices of the New York Department of Docks and Ferries. In 1906 the city assumed control of the ferry line, and the new terminal was completed in 1909. The pier was designed by the architectural firm of (Richard) Walker and (Charles) Morris, and erected by engineer Frederick Snare (1862-1946). An illustration of the compatability of ornate stylistic elements with engineering construction, the municipal ferry pier is an early manifestation of the architectural effects possible using structural steel. Charles Morris had studied at the Beaux Arts school in Paris for two years, and his firm's design for the ferry terminal strongly reflects this influence. In the Battery Maritime Building Walker and Morris achieved the monumentality and ornamentation of Beaux Arts classicism in a building of relatively modest dimensions.

The City of New York operated the Manhattan-Thirty-Ninth Street ferry line until March 15, 1938. The terminal building has remained in continuous operation since 1909. Presently the U.S. Coast Guard operates a ferry from the Battery Maritime Building to Governor's Island in New York Harbor. Since 1959 the offices of the New York

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Municipal Ferry Pier, New York, New York County

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City Department of Marine and Aviation have been located on several floors of the renovated Municipal Ferry Pier. The Battery Maritime Building remains as the last ferry terminal on the East River, and its past reflects the maritime history of the Port of New York during the early twentieth century.

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The south facade viewed from the water looking north.







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View looking northeast along western elevation



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View of interior looking east at ground floor.



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East elevation seen from the NE.



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View looking at west and north elevations looking southeast.

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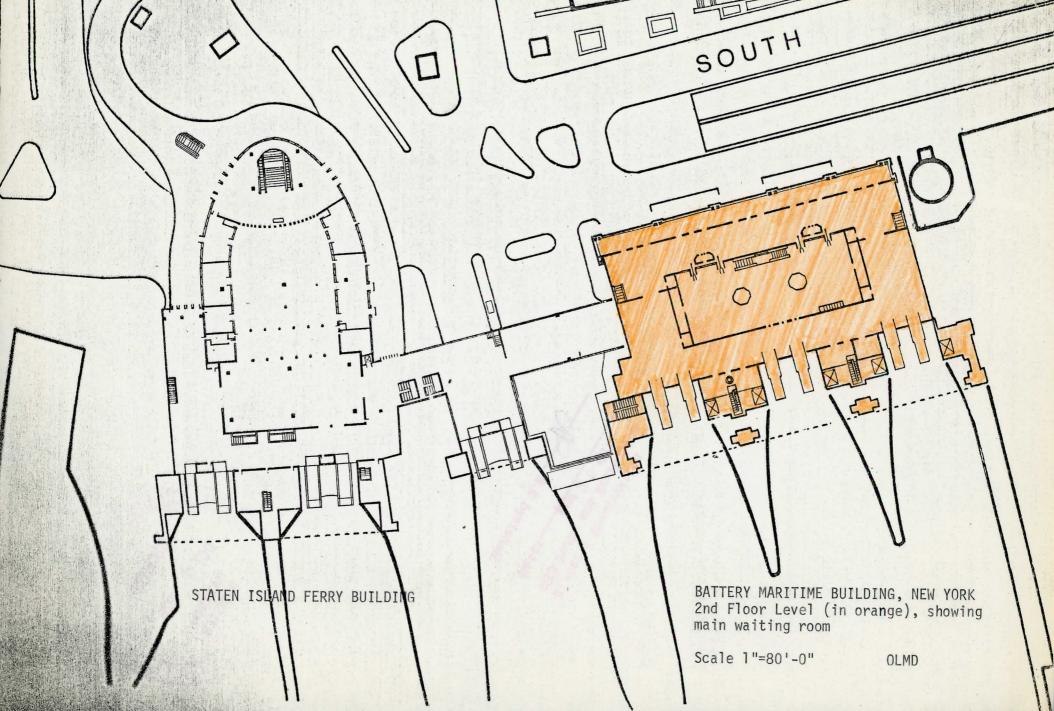
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Ms. Debbie Katz Winer, Neuburger & Sive, T.C. 425 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Ms. Katz:

This is in response to your phone call to our office on March 16,1984, regarding the Municipal Ferry Pier in New York City.

I am enclosing for your information copy of the nomination form signed by Dr. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register when the Municipal Ferry Pier was entered in the National Register. Also enclosed is copy of the notification form sent out at that time to inform interested parties. I hope these materials will be useful to you.

If we may be of further assistance, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull

Chief of Registration

Carol Dubie

National Register of Historic Places

Interagency Resources Division

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NR Data Sheet Reviewer INITIALS DOE NEC 12 1976 Municipal Ferry Pier NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: (HAER has listed as Whitehall Battery Maritime Building Street Ferry Terminal) (soulds Whitehall St. Ferry Terminal 11 South St. STREET & NUMBER 18th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT New York CITY, TOWN code New York COUNTY New York OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) COUNTY PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) : ADMINISTRATOR (underline) N.ATLANTIC NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST FEATURES: EXTERIOR ENVIRONS INTERIOR Substantially intact-1 _Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3 __unknown.-5 _.unknown -6 _ unknown - 4 _ not applicable - 7 __not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9 -Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0 _DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE CONDITION -EXCELLENT XG000 _RUINS Reconstructed _Unknewn UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated _Excavated Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown historic district? WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES IF YES, NAME: WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO IF YES, NAME: ADAPTIVE USE: YES Saved? YES FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words) then- Marine Facility NEC (DOCK) SIGNIFICANCE: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC _entertainment ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC _CONSERVATION _LAW/Gov't/politics _SCIENCE health _ECONOMICS AGRICULTURE _LITERATURE _recreation _EDUCATION __MILITARY ARCHITECTURE _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN _settlement _MUSIC ART ENGINEERING _socio/cultural _COMMERCE _EXPLORATION __PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION _urban & commun _COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT _OTHER (SPECIFY) planning

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